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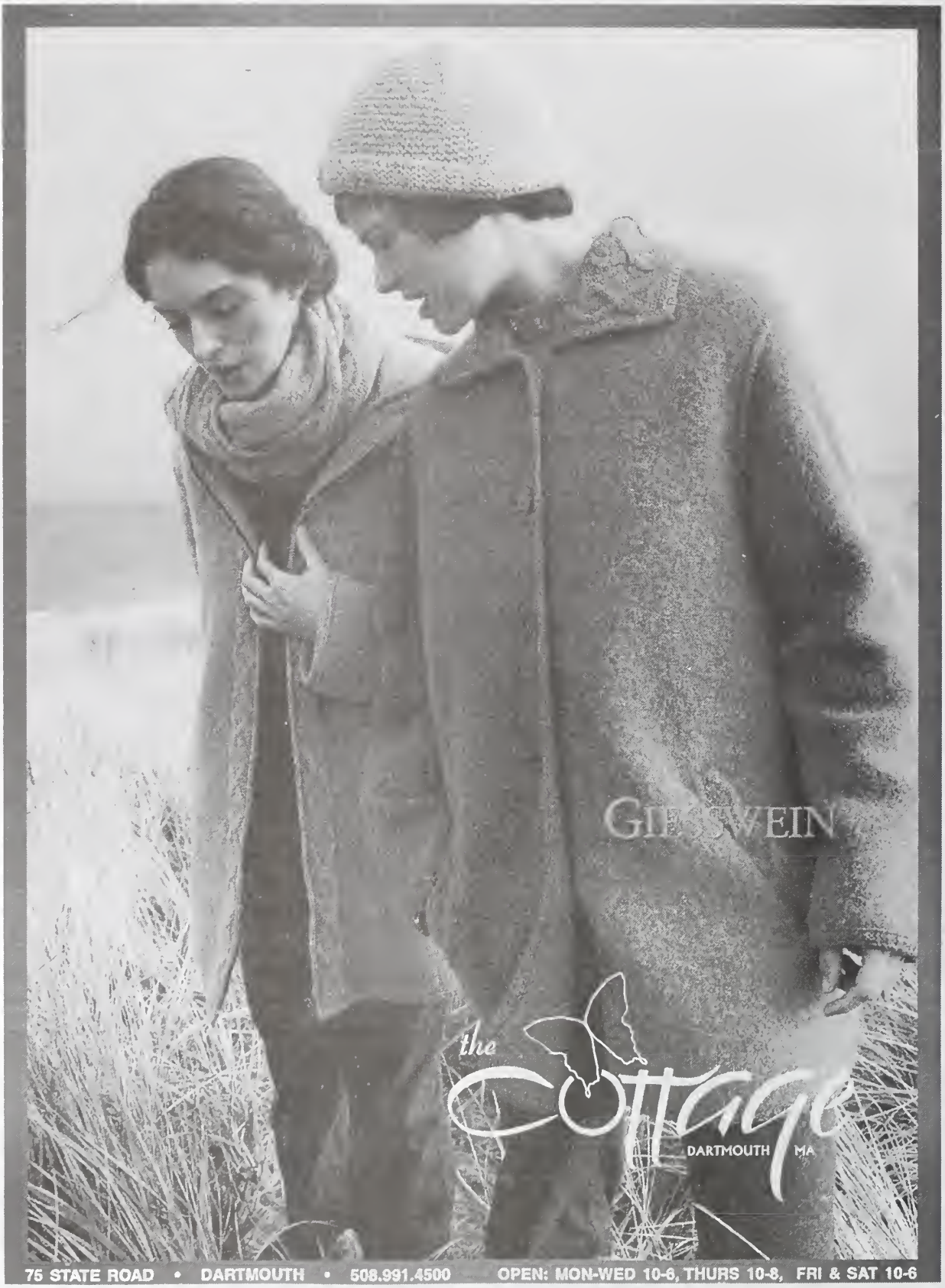
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Downhill Battle

Mattapoisett Native Goes for the Gold

By Kenneth J. Souza

Imagine the sheer thrill of coasting down a snow-packed mountain, balancing precariously on a single length of board, sensing a rush as you shift your weight to make a last-minute turn. There are equal parts excitement and danger in such an experience, and for aspiring athlete Nicole Prefontaine, it's exactly that duality which drives her passion for the increasingly-popular sport of snowboarding.

"It is a fast-paced sport that is addicting," Nicole admitted during a recent interview. "(There are only) two words to describe it: *adrenaline rush!*"

What began as simply a way to compete against her brother, Chris — she said she was determined to catch him as he sped down the mountain on his own snowboard — it has now blossomed into an award-winning competitive sport for Nicole ... and possibly a quest for an Olympic medal.

A graduate of Old Rochester Regional High School and the daughter of Charlie Prefontaine of Mattapoisett, Nicole moved to Wenatchee, Washington shortly after graduating from college to join the Mission Ridge Snowboard Team coached by Scott Erickson. When she's not out in search of snow-covered mountains on which to practice, the 22-year-old works as a Graphic Designer for Design Elements and also enjoys painting and outdoor activities.

But snowboarding remains her passion — almost an obsession, really — in which she has worked hard to excel.

"I think snowboarding is a sport that (a person of) any age can do, which makes it great that so many people are starting to make it their passion," Nicole said.

And she should know something about snowboarding — since becoming actively involved with the sport on a competitive level, Nicole has worked her way up the ranks of the International Snowboarding Federation (ISF) in less than three years, becoming the second ranked snowboarder in the United States and the 33rd best overall in the world. She recently won the United States Amateur Snowboarding Association (USASA) Nationals competition and also qualified for and attended the most recent World Cup snowboarding event.

"Winning the USASA nationals was a great feeling, because when I had finished I knew I had given it everything I had," Nicole said. "Though having the opportunity this past season to race in the World Cup competitions was the most exciting time in sports I have reached so far."

As she continues to add various wins and awards to her credit, the inevitable question of whether she will reach the highest level of snowboarding competition — the 2002 Olympic Games — eventually comes up. A relatively new sport to Olympic competition (snowboarding made its debut in Nagano four years ago), the next series of gold, silver and bronze medals for snowboarding will be awarded in Park City, Utah in 2002 ... and Nicole hopes to be there.

"To be honest I feel concentrating on each race at a time is the quickest way to success," she said. "I hope to one day represent the United States in the Olympics, whether it be in 2002 or 2006. I think winning an Olympic medal pushes all athletes but I also feel time is better spent concentrating on how you can improve as an athlete and ... if you work your hardest the overall dream will

Above: *The Fab Four, a tribute to the music of The Beatles, will perform a special concert commemorating the birthday of John Lennon on October 9 in New Bedford. The group consists of (l. to r.) Jack Maravell (Paul); Peter Grace (George); Leo Dumas (Ringo); and Peter Gendron (John). (Photo courtesy of EncorENTERTAINMENT).*

On the cover: *Olympic hopeful and Mattapoisett native Nicole Prefontaine glides down the snowboarding slalom during one of many recent competitions. Nicole is an avid snowboard enthusiast whose numerous awards and winnings to date are setting the stage for a chance to represent the United States in the 2002 Winter Olympics, a goal that she hopes to achieve. (Photo courtesy of Charlie Prefontaine).*

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come true."

There's also a sense of pride and accomplishment for Nicole in that she's made great strides in a sport that was once mostly reserved for male competitors. "For years it has been a male-dominated (sport), but recently the women are increasing in numbers as well as level of competition," she said. "I wouldn't say racing is about gender — it is about how hard you train and perform, regardless if you are male or female."

But the greatest sense of satisfaction and pride for Nicole is knowing that her father back home in Mattapoisett remains her biggest fan and supporter throughout her endeavors.

"My father is the most important person in my life, he has supported me in all my athletic (events), whether it be running over hurdles or racing down a mountain, he has always been there for me," Nicole said. "Without his support I wouldn't be where I am today. Wanting to make (my father) proud drives me."

And how does her dad feel about the potential dangers in such a fast-paced, downhill sport?

"Well in two-and-a-half years I have only made two calls from the emergency (room) to my dad," she said. "Any more and I don't know if he will make it. (But) I rarely get scared racing or training."

A member of both the International Ski and Snowboard Federation (FIS) and International Snowboarding Federation (ISF), Nicole has found that

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competing on national and international levels can be not only time-consuming, but financially expensive. Thankfully, she's been able to garner some support from friends, family members, and commercial sponsors ... but her estimated expenses to attend competitions this year could exceed $12,500 alone.

"With any competitive sport costs are ongoing," she said. "I have been fortunate to receive some help from family, friends and companies in the past. (But) fundraising has been quite difficult — without help I will not be able to attend needed competitions. World Cup races are possible this year in Japan, British Columbia, and Quebec if I can attain my financial goals."

Although she's received some support from

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businesses such as Carreria, Drift Boardwear, Silverzipper.com, Volkl snowboards, and Brownell Boatworks here in Mattapoisett, Nicole is hoping for additional contributions to allow her to continue competing in snowboarding events and, hopefully, pave the way for her to represent the United States at the Olympics.

Those interested in helping can attend a Benefit Open House which will be held at the Prefontaine home on Point Connett in Mattapoisett on Tuesday, December 19. Tickets can be purchased for $25 each and can be obtained by calling Charlie Prefontaine at (508) 758-3114. Donations can be made to the "Nicole Prefontaine Snowboarding Fund" and mailed to: 1308 Brown Street, Wenatchee, WA 98801. For further information, you can contact Nicole directly at (509) 664-1905.

Beatlemania!

Lennon Tribute in New Bedford

The Fab Four, a Beatles tribute band, will be performing on Monday, October 9 for the Annual John Lennon Birthday Tribute at Jokers Night Club, 3057 Acushnet Avenue in New Bedford. The group will present an amazing Beatles portrayal that recalls the thrill of a real Beatles concert with meticulous attention to detail — from their mop-top haircuts to their Liverpool accents and mannerisms. By using the same '60s style musical equipment as the Beatles, The Fab Four recreate the look and sound of the Beatles.

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Having toured the U.S. with stops in Colorado, West Virginia, and Florida, the Fab Four will be performing in Rosa Rita, Mexico and then return to Massachusetts for the John Lennon Tribute. The event celebrating the life and work and the great musical artist John Lennon is being promoted this year by EncorENTERTAINMENT and is present on John Lennon's birthday. The Fab Four's Peter Gendron as John Lennon

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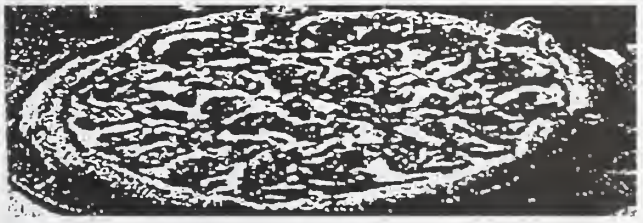

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Marion Selectmen's Meeting

September 26, 2000

By Kenneth J. Souza

A regular meeting of the Marion Board of Selectmen was called to order on Tuesday, September 26 at 7:00 pm by Chairman Albert E. Winters. Also present were Selectman Loretta B. Schaefer, Selectman Jonathan "Jody" Dickerson, Town Administrator Ray Pickles, and Secretary Helene Craver.

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• Letter from the Marion Pathway Committee noting that after meeting with Town Counsel on June 20, it was determined that potential conflicts of interest may exist which would preclude him from advising on the project to construct a multi-use public pathway along the abandoned New York, New Haven, and Hartford Rail Road line.

As such, Kenneth S. Litke and John Rockwell of the Marion Pathway Committee have suggested that the board appoint Mike Kehoe as a special counsel to the committee for this project and approve legal fees necessary to meet with the land owner to discuss property purchase options.

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Tom Crotty before we proceed with this or not expend more than $500," Mr. Pickles said. "Legal fees are not part of the appropriated budget ... this would require the approval of the Finance Committee (FinCom)."

The board agreed to appoint Mr. Kehoe as a special counsel and put a cap on legal fees not to exceed $500. They also unanimously voted to appoint John Rockwell to the Circulation Committee, noting it was an "oversight" that he wasn't initially appointed, and unanimously voted to make all members of the Marion Pathway Committee and Circulation Committee as "Special Municipal Employees" to avoid potential conflicts of interest.

• Notice that the Southeastern Massachusetts Vision 2020 group will be hosting a ceremony on board the Mayflower II in Plymouth on Wednesday, October 25 at 3:00 pm for the signing of the New Mayflower Compact. The board unanimously voted to sign and support the compact.

• Notification from the Division of Marine Fisheries that the area of Hammett's Cove has been approved for the taking of shellfish.

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At 7:12 pm the board met with the second of the two finalists for the position of Town Administrator to take over for Ray Pickles upon his retirement at the end of the year.

On Monday evening the board met with and interviewed Lawrence Cameron of Dartmouth. Mr. Cameron currently works as Regional Director for the Massachusetts Office of Business Development and previously worked at Project Manager for the

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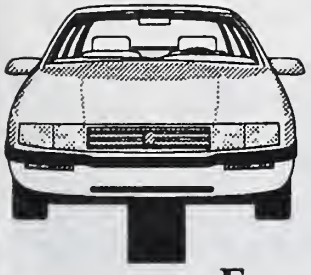

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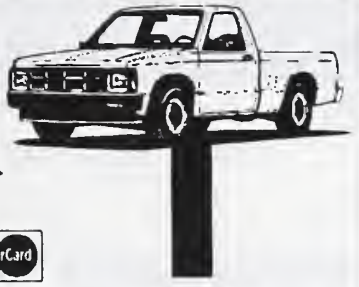

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same organization. He served as Administrative Assistant for the Town of Rowley, Massachusetts between 1990 and 1994; was Town Administrator for the municipality of Sherborn, MA from 1985 to 1990; and was Executive Secretary for the Town of Dartmouth between 1978 and 1985.

Mr. Cameron has a BA degree from the University of Massachusetts, and is pursuing a Masters of Public Administration at Suffolk University.

This evening's second candidate was John F. Dolan Jr. of Westport, MA. Mr. Dolan currently serves as Administrative Assistant with the Town of Westport and previously served as Town Administrator and Attorney for the Town of Barrington, NH; was director for the law firm of McManus & Dolan, PA; director of Burns, Bryant, Hinchey, Cox & Schulte, PA in Dover, NH; and maintains Bar Membership with the Supreme Court of the United States, the United States District Court in New Hampshire, the State of New Hampshire, and the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

Mr. Dolan earned a law degree from the

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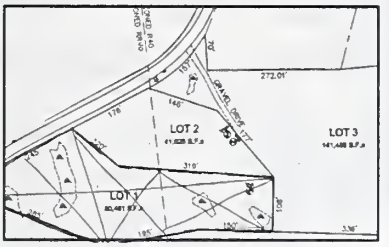

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Boston University School of Law and has extensive legal and municipal experience. He was born and raised in Worcester, MA and practiced law in New Hampshire for several years, with a concentration in municipal and school law.

The board asked Mr. Dolan the same series of questions posed to Mr. Cameron the night before, with an emphasis on how they would deal with potential issues and concerns in the Town of Marion.

When asked why he chose to leave the lucrative law profession, Mr. Dolan said he wanted to "follow my heart rather than my wallet."

In dealing with potential conflicts or irate residents, Mr. Dolan said he preferred the direct approach. "I try to treat everyone with respect and respect their right to voice their opinion," Mr. Dolan said. "I hope to provide some education and just be a resource to the public and the Board of Selectmen."

Mr. Dolan said his philosophy in overseeing

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various department heads is to guide them and let them do their jobs. "The town should endeavor to hire the most qualified department heads, and then set them free to do their work," he said. "I see my role as a resource, facilitator, and liaison. I don't every expect to substitute myself as a department head."

When asked how he would handle possible disagreements or instances where he doesn't fall in

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line with the board or department head, he said he would concede to the wishes of the board. "I think it's fine to disagree, so long as we're not disagreeable," he said. "I generally speak my mind ... honestly, but not abrasively."

Mr. Dolan thanked the board and Mr. Pickles for their time and praised them for an efficient search and interview process. "The process you've employed here has been very educational for me and it's given me a chance to meet with all the department heads from the (start)," he said.

The board plans to make their selection of a replacement for Town Administrator Ray Pickles from among these two finalists within the next week.

There being no further matters to come before the board, they unanimously voted to adjourn for the evening at 7:52 pm.

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Rochester Selectmen's Meeting

September 25, 2000

By Kenneth J. Souza

A regular meeting of the Rochester Board of Selectman was called to order on Monday, September 25 at 7:00 pm by Chairman Naida Parker. Also present were Selectman Richard Cutler, Selectman Patricia Ryan, and Town Administrator James Huntoon. Administrative Assistant Veronica Lafreniere was not present for the meeting.

Chairman Parker began the proceedings by reading the following prepared statement to a packed Town Hall Conference Room:

"(Police) Chief Walter Denham has been a member of the Rochester Police Department since March of 1969 and has served as its Chief since 1984. On June 30 of this year, Chief Walter Denham informed the Board of Selectmen of his intention to retire at the end of 2001. The Board had begun thinking about the process we would be using to fill this vacancy. (Town Administrator) James Huntoon, on behalf of the Board of Selectmen, talked to Kathy O'Toole about potential advertising, hiring and the possibility of an interim Chief.

"Two weeks ago, Walter advised the board that he needs to be on medical leave. This accelerated the process of finding an Interim Chief until the end of this year, in order to allow the Board of Selectmen time to find a permanent successor. Tonight, we are pleased to announce the appointment of William C. Przybylek of Yarmouthport, Massachusetts, as Interim Chief of Police. Chief Przybylek recently retired from the Mashpee Police Department, having served for the past five and a half years as their Chief. Prior to that, Chief Przybylek served for three years as Police Chief for West Carrollton, Ohio, with a 44-employee department, for nine years as Police Chief in Glenville, New York, with a 33-member

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"The Town has also started advertising for a permanent replacement for Chief Denham and we will be accepting applications through November 20. It is our hope to announce a permanent Chief of Police before the end of the year."

Interim Chief Przybylek was introduced to those present and expressed his gratitude to the board. "I'm looking forward very much to working with the staff at the Rochester Police Department," he said. "I'm excited about the opportunity Rochester has given me."

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to Rochester," said David Hughes.

"I welcome the new chief and I hope he will be a good chief ... and an honest chief," added resident Tony Sol.

The board next met with members of the Rochester School Committee, the Finance Committee (FinCom) and the Board of Assessors (BOA) to discuss the expending of excess Chapter 70 money from the state and the future plans for setting the town's tax rate.

FinCom Chairman Michael Costa explained that the town received $179,276 in Chapter 70 money and they asked the School Committee to make a recommendation for expending this additional funding.

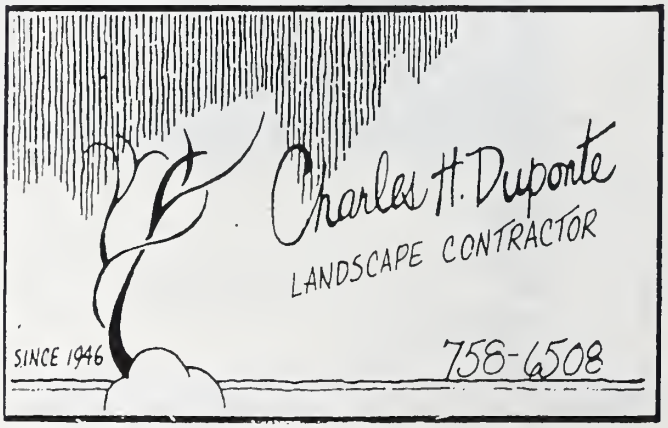
"I asked (Superintendent) Betty Quinn and (Memorial School Principal) Jay Ryan to prepare a list of priorities," said School Committee Chairman Shirley Bourque. "On September 19 after discussing Chapter 70 funding, the School Committee unanimously voted to spend $30,000 of the $179,276 to conduct a feasibility study for Memorial School."

The feasibility study will be conducted to determine future growth potential at Memorial School and how the town can best meet the growing student population's needs.

"The feasibility study will guide us ... there are a lot of alternatives to be considered," said Superintendent Betty Quinn. "We need to consider either a new (school) building or an add-on to the existing (school). The state is no longer funding projects which don't have any long-term planning involved."

With that, the joint FinCom and Board of Selectmen unanimously voted to appropriate $30,000 of the $179,276 in additional Chapter 70 monies for a feasibility study of the Rochester Memorial School as per a recommendation from the Rochester School Committee.

"I'd like to thank the administration and school



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committee for working together on this ... especially in light of this year's budget (constraints)," said Selectman Ryan.

The FinCom then met with the Board of Assessors to discuss the upcoming Special Town Meeting slated for October 23 and the pending establishment of the town's tax rate for Fiscal Year 2001.

"We're looking about $3.898 million in estimated local receipts," said Assessor Jana Cavanaugh. "Based on a mean assessment of residential property, we're looking at a tax rate of approximately $14.15, or an increase of six percent. Based on a house assessed at $167,000, residents would see a $145 increase."

"We're at about 98 percent of our levy limit," said Assessor John Mello. "So, theoretically, we won't have much room to move. We'd like to set a Classification Hearing for two to three days after the Special Town Meeting, at which time we'll have a good idea of (the final figures)."

Mr. Huntoon suggested holding the Tax Classification Hearing on Wednesday, October 25 and that it be advertised by October 11.

Among the draft articles which will appear on the October 23 Special Town Meeting warrant:

• Approve the renovation and expansion of the Plumb Memorial Library (Article 1);

• Establish a tax cap for alterations and improvements to residential property for persons at least sixty years old (Article 2);

• $1,000 allocation to purchase assistive listening device for the Council on Aging (Article 3);

• Authorize a utility easement to the Dexter Lane Recreation Area (Article 5);

• Amend the town's Personnel By-Law to increase the amount under Education Assistance from $750 to $1,000 (Article 6);

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• Appropriate $150,000 to purchase and equip a 3,000-gallon pumper/tanker for the Fire Department (Article 10);

• Appropriate an additional $66,700 for the Public Safety Salaries and Wages budget (Article 11);

• Appropriate $1,500 increase for the Business Interruption Insurance (Article 12);

• Appropriate $3,500 to cover additional funds for Municipal Liability Insurance (Article 13);

• Establish a Capital Investment Fund for the town (Article 14).

Under the Town Administrator's report, Mr. Huntoon discussed:

• The status of the new Highway Building structure, which they plan to pour a foundation for this week. Mr. Huntoon said the land has been cleared and the footings have been set.

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• Joe Booth is interviewing two finalists for the position of Clerk of the Works on the Police/ Communications Building.

• Another Special Town Meeting will take place on November 27 and will include the Cell Tower By-Law establishment and funding for the Town Hall renovations and future expansion (under a debt exclusion).

• Mr. Huntoon said the previously set date of November 17 to open bids for the proposed Town Hall renovation and expansion project will not allow them enough time for the December 13 Special Election (a minimum of 35 days is needed to properly advertise the final dollar amount). He suggested moving the election to either January 3 or 10, and the board unanimously voted to change the Special Election from December 6, 2000 to January 10, 2001.

• Given the lack of space in Town Hall, Mr. Huntoon reported that after checking with the First Congregational Church regarding the use of their vestry as a possible meeting space, he was told they would charge $20 per hour which would be $1600 a month if used Monday - Friday, 6:30 am to 8:30 pm; $1280 a month if only used Monday - Thursday; or $960 a month if limited to Monday - Wednesday.

"If we have an overrun of meetings, we can use Memorial School," Selectman Ryan said. "I don't feel it's something that we'll be doing consistently."

Mr. Huntoon added that the new Highway Building might also provide additional space.

The board unanimously voted to go into Executive Session at 8:20 pm to discuss pending contract negotiations. They would thereafter adjourn for the evening.

Sports Shorts

By Kenneth J. Souza

ORR Field Hockey

The **Old Rochester Regional High School Girls Field Hockey** team suffered two narrow upsets this past week, losing out to Apponequet (0-1) on their home turf and then being defeated by Bourne (0-1) at home. **Goalie Caitlyn O'Brien**, however, managed to allow only one goal per game and the Lady Bulldogs remain strong early

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Charity Golf Tournament

The **First Annual Hearts and Hands Charity Golf Tournament** will take place on **Saturday, October 21** at the **Marion Golf Course**, Point Road in Marion, with a Shotgun Start at 12:00 noon. There will be team prizes and individual prizes for Longest Drive, Closest-to-Pin, and Raffles. A Cookout will be held after the tournament at the American Legion Hall on Depot Street in Mattapoisett. All proceeds will benefit the Hearts and Hands Program for severely ill children.

To sign up to play, to help, to contribute, or for more information, please call **Peter Santello** at **748-5132.** Cost is $75 per person, $300 per foursome (tax deductible).

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The **First Annual Softball Day** to benefit **Hearts and Hands** will take place on **Sunday, October 1** at the Rochester Little League Field, Mary's Pond Road in Rochester. Please call 291-3852 or 758-1300 to register your team or for more information on this event.

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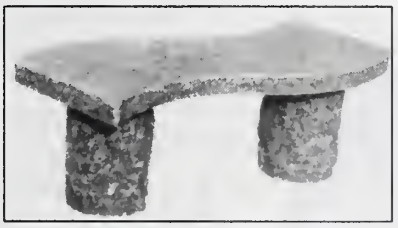

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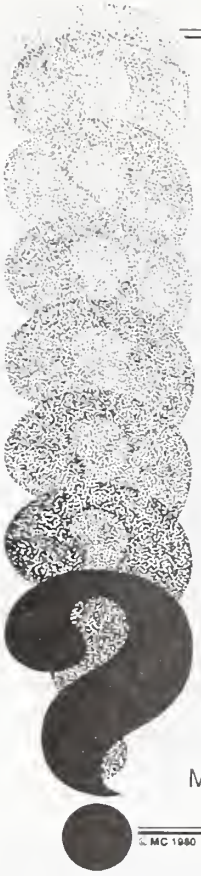

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Sincerely,
Nancy A. Boston
Falmouth, MA

To the Editor:

The public is invited to hear a progress report from the study committee conducting the Tri-Town League of Women Voters investigation of full school regionalization and its possible effects on the three towns. The program will be presented on Wednesday, October 18 at 9:15 am in the cafeteria of Memorial School on Pine Street in Rochester.

The school regionalization study was voted last spring by the membership of the League of Women Voters of Marion-Mattapoisett-Rochester, and is intended to find out what the advantages and disadvantages might be of establishing full regionalization, Kindergarten - Grade 12, in our towns. At the present time, district schools are regionalized only at the secondary level with the Old Rochester Regional Junior and Senior High Schools.

Members of the League's Local Education Study Committee are planning interviews with Superintendents of fully-regionalized school districts in our area. League interviewers hope to learn whether administrators find that some educational or administrative advantages or problems arise specifically from the way in which the school district is

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organized. Interviews may also be scheduled with Superintendents of Schools in towns that have dissolved regional districts and gone back to independent town school departments.

Pairs of questioners will ask about how costs are apportioned among the member towns, how school committee members are chosen, how curriculum goals and standards are decided, and whether these issues or any others have become politcally-contentious either on the school committee or in the member towns.

At the conclusion of the two-year study, the study committee will issue a public report of its findings and the full membership of the Marion-Mattapoisett-Rochester League of Women Voters will attempt to reach a consensus in support of, or in opposition to, full regionalization of local schools. If no consensus is possible, that outcome also will be publicly

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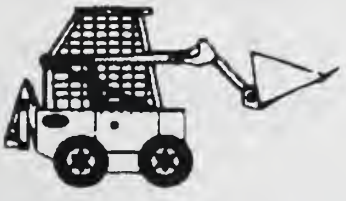

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Meanwhile, as the study progresses, interested people are invited to participate. Membership in the League of Women Voters is not required. Please call Committee Chairman Karen Kevelson at 748-2712.

The League hopes that curious parents and other citizens will come to Memorial School in Rochester at 9:15 am on Wednesday, October 18 to ask questions and to hear what the study committee has found out so far.

Sincerely,
Claire Russell, President
League of Women Voters
Marion-Mattapoisett-Rochester

To the Editor:

The Rochester Land Trust would like to thank those who made our fourth Annual Pig Roast on Saturday, September 16, 2000 such a success. Many thanks go to those who donated to our raffle and auction. They include: Lincoln Rounseville, Dan and Maureen Kennedy, Steven Sperry, Georgia Chamberlain, Peter Gross, the Rochester Golf Course, Linda Mazzilli, Kenny's Farm Stand, Anne Bramhall, Center Garage, Sperry Sails, Bev Loves Books, Violette's Bakery, Eden Landscaping, Sunnynook Farm, Decas Cranberry, Mike and Roxanne Costa, Gateway Chiropractic, Cervelli's, Lanzoni's, Steven's Home Improvement, Hair and Body Solution, Lloyd's Market, Mayflower Bank, Kozcera Discount Oil, Turk's Seafood, Elizabeth Walker, and Clay Adams.

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music and to Norman Fortier for his donation of two beautiful watercolors for our raffle. Lastly, many thanks to all of our board members who worked tirelessly to make the fundraiser such a wonderful event and to the powers that be for giving us a picture-perfect, beautiful day!
Sincerely,
Lynnea Walker
Rochester Land Trust

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Mattapoisett Historical Society

On Sunday afternoon, September 17, the Mattapoisett Historical Society held its 42nd Annual Meeting. Newly-elected members to the Board of Directors include: Malcolm Campbell, Treasurer; and Katherine Gaudet, Member-at-Large.

The winners of the Society's summer raffle were announced: the model of the Hereschoff 12.5-meter was Roz Pierce of Pease's Point; the reprint photo of the Ned's Point Lighthouse went to Paul Lestage; and the Lighthouse Bird-feeder was won by Barbara Ketchel.

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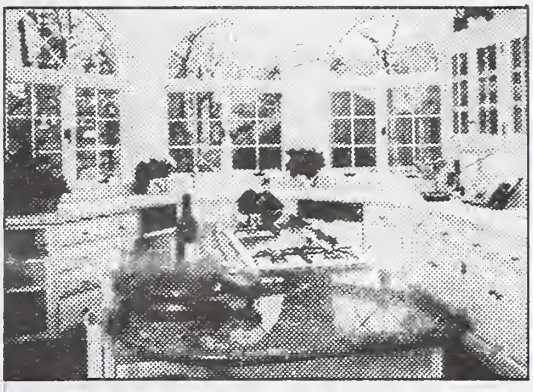

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Flu Clinics sponsored by the Marion Board of Health will be held in November as recommended by the state health department. The clinic is tentatively scheduled for November 7, 2000 from 2:00 to 4:00 pm and 5:00 to 7:00 pm in the main conference room in the Marion Town House. The state recommends that everyone over the age of 65 with chronic medical conditions to get a yearly flu immunization.

ORR 25th Reunion

The 25th Reunion of Old Rochester Regional High School's Class of 1975 will be held on Friday, October 20 at the VFW on Route 18 in East Freetown, MA. There are several classmates who the organizers do not have any current information for: Ruth Anderson, David Askew, Judith Bernier Brandau, M. Kathryn Cain Meighan, Lynne Caswell Legere, Pamela Chace, Lauren Croft Vaughan, William C. Darmon Jr., Kim Rae Dennis, Juliet Doran, Sally Duggan Preston, Chris Fairing, Cynthia Fusco, Kimberley Gifune Washburn, Susan Gould Beal, Deborah Gordon Holman, Mark Greenaway, John Hastings, Laurie Hauptman, Marcia Hirons, Mary Jane Hurley Peryer, Deborah Jenney, Michael Kelley, Lauren Ketchel Jordan, Ronda Ladner, Lawrence Lopez, Darla Magill Elliot, Bruce Marcoux, Antone Mattos Jr., Rose Marie Pina, Suzaane Randall Leger, Raymond Raposa, Neil Riley, Carleton Rittenhouse, Mark Roberts, Steve Rulison, Sue Mendes

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Hearts and Hands Benefit

Another fund-raiser for Hearts and Hands will be held on October 15, 2000. It will be a yard/craft sale being held from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm at the Salvation Army parking lot on Route 6 in Mattapoisett. All donations from your fall cleaning, cans or craft items, are appreciated. The group is also looking for volunteers to help staff the event. Any information can be obtained by calling 758-9254. One-hundred percent of the sales go to benefit Hearts and Hands.

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All parents and community members are welcome to attend. Interested persons should contact Lynelle M. Smith, Health Coordinator, at (508) 763-8011, ext. 149 to confirm.

School Council

The Old Colony Regional Vocational Technical High School District is seeking community members to serve on its School Council. Community members must reside in the towns of Acushnet, Carver, Lakeville, Mattapoisett, or Rochester. The School Council is a representative, school building based committee comprised of the principal, parents, teachers, community members, and students. If interested in serving on the council, please call Gary Brown, Assistant Superintendent-Director at 763-8011, ext. 118.

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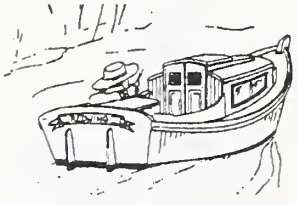

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music program at Old Rochester Regional Junior and Senior High Schools will be on Tuesday, October 3, 2000 at 7:00 pm in the Teacher's Lunch Room at the high school. Anyone interested is encouraged to attend, especially parents of music students.

On the agenda will be a discussion of what support the music departments of the junior and senior high schools need from the group and the upcoming special gathering, Suites and Sweets, scheduled for Thursday, October 12 at 7:00 pm in the high school cafeteria to showcase the musical talent from the junior and senior high schools.

Mattapoisett Women's Guild

The Women's Community Guild of the Mattapoisett Congregational Church will hold it next meeting on Tuesday, October 3 at 1:00 pm in Reynard Hall. The program will feature Patrolman Anthony Days who will speak on safety for the elderly. Guests are always welcome.

Mattapoisett Woman's Club

On Thursday, October 19, the Mattapoisett Woman's Club will have a program called "Antiques Road Show" with Frank McNamee of the Marion Antique Shop. Members and their guests are invited to bring any antique items to be price-valued — and remember: many items over 20 years old are considered "antique"! A light

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• Wednesday, October 4 - Plants in Fall. The Marion Natural History Museum will be looking at slides of plants, collecting plants from nature, using field guides to try to identify them, and then making projects to bring home. Steve Gonsalves from Eden Landscaping and Museum Director Elizabeth Leidhold will be hosting the program. Cost is $4 for members and $5 for non-members. Meet at museum.

• Wednesday, October 18 - Cranberries! The group will be touring Spring Meadow Farm, an operating cranberry farm located in Mattapoisett, with owner Monika Weldon. They will also be working on a bring-home craft. Please plan to meet at the site (call 748-2098 for directions) and dress accordingly. Cost is $4 for members and $5 for non-members.

• Wednesday, November 15 - Winters Coming, with the Thornton Burgess Society. Student will participate in hands-on activities to develop an understanding of how animals adapt to the changing seasons. Through the use of skins, skulls, chews and live animals students investigate specific adaptations animals use to get ready for winter. Cost is $4 for member, $5 for non-members. Meet at the museum.

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For more information about any programs at the Marion Natural History Museum, please call (508) 748-2098.

Mattapoisett Cultural Council

The Mattapoisett Cultural Council is pleased to be one of the 349 cities and towns in Massachusetts to be awarded funds from the Massachusetts Cultural Council. The local council is now asking for community organizations or individuals to apply for these funds as well as applications for PASS or ticket-subsidy program for school children.

Applications and guidelines may be picked up at the Mattapoisett Town Hall from the Selectmen's Office. They must be completed and returned no later than October 15. Applications may also be printed from the Massachusetts Cultural Council website at http://www.massculturalcouncil.org/applications/lccapp.html. Applications will be evaluated based on their artistic, humanistic, or scientific quality and benefit to the community. Funds will be allocated based on this evaluation and on the amount of funds awarded to the community by the Massachusetts Cultural Council. For more information, please contact Gail Roberts, MCC

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Rochester Cultural Council

The Rochester Cultural Council is accepting applications until October 15 for support of community cultural projects and PASS funding, a ticket subsidy program for school-age children, as a result of an estimated $3,000 grant from the Massachusetts Cultural Council.

The Massachusetts Cultural Council is a state agency that supports public programs in the arts, sciences, and humanities. This year it will distribute $3.9 million to 335 local cultural councils statewide, which will accept applications for eligible projects taking place in 2001.

Individuals and organizations may apply for general support — projects such as workshops, lectures, exhibits, festivals, science education and artist projects — or for PASS funding to enable schools and youth groups to take students, pre-K through 12, to cultural performances outside of school. Grants are awarded after

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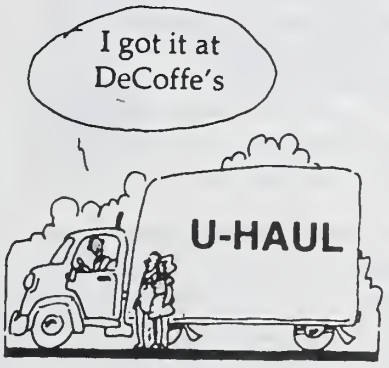

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Applications and detailed guidelines are available at the Rochester Town Hall, the Joseph H. Plumb Memorial Library, or online at www.massculturalcouncil.org. Completed forms must be delivered with a valid postmark by October 15 at the Rochester Town hall. For more information, please contact Chairman Kate Tarleton at 763-5816. Past projects have included Friends of the Joseph H. Plumb Library: printing and publication of the *Rochester Journal, Volume II;* Rochester Memorial School: tickets for various plays at the Zeiterion Theater (PASS Program); and Mr. John Root: Senior Citizen concert.

Each community's allocation from the MCC is determined using a local aid formula. Local councils are run by municipally appointed community volunteers who evaluate applications once a year based on local needs and interest.

Marion Cultural Council

Applications are now being accepted by the Marion Cultural Council for arts, humanities, and interpretive science projects taking place during the 2000 calendar year. Individuals and organizations wishing to apply have until October 15 to submit applications for either general funding or PASS funding. PASS is a program designed to send local students (K-12) to performances, museums, and other cultural events outside of school.

The Local Cultural Council Program, part of the Massachusetts Cultural Council (MCC), provides a vehicle for stimulating the arts, humanities, and interpretive sciences at the "grassroots" level, where support from more traditional sources like the National Endowment for the Arts, and other funding programs of the MCC tends to be more difficult to obtain. Although the monies involved are drawn from proceeds of the state lottery and overseen by the MCC in Boston, basic

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The Marion Cultural Council uses the following criteria in evaluating grant proposals:

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• It is the intention of the Marion Cultural Council to touch as large a percentage of the population as possible with each event. Therefore, events which benefit a significant number of residents wil be considered before those that benefit only a few.

• Applicants must document that the site they have chosen conforms to all state requirements for handicapped accessibility.

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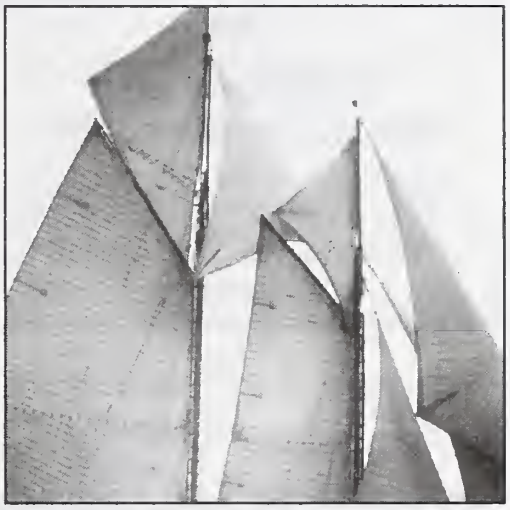

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Applications and detailed guidelines for both PASS and regular funding are available at the Elizabeth Taber Library, 8 Spring Street in Marion, or from any council member.

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Movie Review

Critical Mass

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Almost Famous. Starring Patrick Fugit, Kate Hudson, and Billy Crudup. Directed by Cameron Crowe. Running time: 122 minutes. MPAA rating: R. At Cinema 12 at the North Dartmouth Mall and Flagship Cinemas in New Bedford.

"Be honest and unmerciful," says the revered rock critic Lester Bangs (Philip Seymour Hoffman) to the budding 15-year-old writer William Miller (Patrick Fugit) near the beginning of *Almost Famous*. That's sound advice; it's too bad more movie critics aren't following it. Perhaps it's no mystery: *Almost Famous,* the new film by Cameron Crowe *(Say Anything, Singles, Jerry Maguire),* is nothing if not a valentine to critics – flattery of their innocence and integrity in the face of self-promoting rock bands, actors, or movie directors. If Lester Bangs had covered movies instead of music and had lived to see this one, he would've known what to make of it.

It needs to be said that *Almost Famous* is by no means a bad film – just a middling, loudly overpraised one (it's being heralded as Cameron Crowe's epic or masterpiece, or something). The movie, as you may have heard, is based on Crowe's own experiences as a teen rock journalist in the early '70s, writing for *Rolling Stone* and meeting the rock gods of the day. Crowe's onscreen surrogate is William, who squirms away from his well-meaning but overprotective mom (Frances McDormand, never once allowing her role to devolve into a stereotype) and spends some time on the road with an emerging, nothing-special band called Stillwater.

The wide-eyed William (whose portrayer, Patrick Fugit, must have been cast for his whitebread inoffensiveness to most demographics) is a more or less passive observer as the band members taste a few drops of fame – they're opening for Black Sabbath – but are always on the verge of splitting up. The tipping point comes when the band's t-shirt design favors Stillwater's guitarist (Billy Crudup) over its lead singer (Jason Lee). Crowe may have actually witnessed such inane backstage hissy fits in his day, but unfortunately for him, the mock-rockumentary *This Is Spinal Tap* scooped him on the absurdity of rock egos by about fifteen years.

Almost Famous isn't only about that, though – it's also about maintaining one's purity in the face of temptation: sex, drugs, fame, adulation. William hangs out a lot with a Stillwater hanger-on, a girl calling herself Penny Lane (Kate Hudson), who leads a pack of groupies who delude themselves that they aren't groupies. I got a little restless as the familiar plot mechanics kicked into gear, setting up Penny as William's first great love, who is drawn to the bad-boy excitement of rock stars but longs for a sweet, tender boy like William. And, by extension, like Crowe. And, by further extension, like the critics he's

flattering. Yes, movie critics, that sexy blonde may lust after bad boys, but deep down she's really waiting for *you.*

As an admirer of Crowe's earlier films, I was more than eager to see his new one, but *Almost Famous* lacks dramatic focus. Crowe's gentleness as a writer, so warming and refreshing in his romantic comedies, doesn't help him much in this chaotic, post-Altamont rock milieu. In part, the movie is a love letter to Crowe's remarkable adolescence, and I can accept that. But he softens just about everything, as if he didn't want to hurt the feelings of anyone he knew back then. Autobiography shackles him; he has more freedom with characters he creates out of whole cloth. Penny Lane, for instance, is seen entirely through a gauze of affectionate memory – she never quite comes across as a human being – and Kate Hudson's glimmer of adorableness dims after about half an hour; Hudson is quirky enough to do something more interesting than this.

On the road, William keeps calling his mentor Lester Bangs, who advises him to ward off the fake friendship musicians use to suck in journalists. (Philip Seymour Hoffman, in his few minutes as Bangs, gives the movie some badly needed jolts of complexity and tension.) *Almost Famous* is a form of fake friendship, too; it wants us to believe we've been there with Crowe and shared a moment, but it offers little more insight than a typical Ron Howard film. Here's a movie about a nice young man who meets a bunch of mostly nice people (even the jerks are basically harmless) and has nice adventures. The entire enterprise is too *nice,* too looking-back-fondly, too willing to let its characters and its audience off the hook. *Almost Famous* doesn't pretend to be journalism, but it could've used a little more Lester Bangs in its soul.

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Wednesday, October 4 – Spaghetti with meat sauce, garlic bread, tuna roll, tossed salad, fruit, dessert, milk.
Thursday, October 5 – Chicken fajita, taco chalupa, lettuce, tomato, nachos, fruit, dessert, milk.
Friday, October 6 – Stuffed crust pizza, turkey pocket, tossed salad, fruit, dessert, milk.

■ ORR JUNIOR and SENIOR HIGH SCHOOLS

Monday, October 2 – Soup, chicken patty with fries, grilled double cheese, BBQ ribs, lettuce, tomato, pickle, dessert, juice or milk.
Tuesday, October 3 – Soup, hot dog with curly fries, spicy chicken, bacon cheeseburger, pickle, fruit, juice or milk.
Wednesday, October 4 – Soup, spaghetti with meat sauce, linguiça and cheese pocket, chicken fritters, garlic bread, green beans, pudding, juice or milk.
Thursday, October 5 – Soup, baked chicken with potato wedge, chicken fillet, grilled ham and cheese, cranberry sauce, roll, corn, dessert, juice or milk.
Friday, October 6 – Sloppy Joe with fries, steak with cheese sub, chicken tenders, green beans, dessert, juice or milk.

■ SIPPICAN SCHOOL MARION

Monday, October 2 – Hot dog or Steak'Um, oven puffs, veggie sticks, fruit, dessert, milk.
Tuesday, October 3 – Hamburger/cheeseburger, oven fries, corn, pickles, fruit, dessert, milk.
Wednesday, October 4 – Spaghetti with meat sauce, garlic bread, tuna roll, tossed salad, fruit, dessert, milk.
Thursday, October 5 – Chicken fajita, taco chalupa, lettuce, tomato, nachos, fruit, dessert, milk.
Friday, October 6 – Stuffed crust pizza, turkey pocket, tossed salad, fruit, dessert, milk.

OTHER MENU ITEMS NOT AVAILABLE AT PRESS TIME

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Mattapoisett Friends Auction

After Jean Lussier survived a ride over Niagara Falls in a rubberized ball on July 4, 1928, he had several real photo postcards made up to mark the dramatic event. Three different postcards, each one autographed by the daredevil, will be among the 450 lots of eclectic paper collectibles to be sold at auction on October 21 at the Mattapoisett Friends Meeting (Quaker), 103 Marion, Road, East Mattapoisett.

Most of the sale proceeds will benefit the church. More than a dozen lots will be sold to benefit land trusts serving Marion, Fairhaven, Acushnet, Rochester and Mattapoisett. This is the twelfth such auction staged by the Friends.

The lots include foreign and domestic postcards, trade cards, stampless folded letters, whaling and war material, Cape Cod commercial fishing ephemera from the 19th century, stocks, bonds, stamps an dcovers, McLoughlin Brothers children's books, cranberry items, historical paper from SouthCoast communities, rare books, and a wide variety of other paper collectibles including one-of-a-kind items rarely seen.

The sale, with Dennis Broadbent of Acushnet serving as auctioneer, will begin at 9:00 am on October 21 and last about three-and-a-half hours. Viewing will take place from 6:00 to 9:00 pm on Friday, October 20 and from

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Local Police Logs

■ MARION

The following log excerpts are for the week of September 16 through September 24, 2000:

• Wareham Road – disturbance
• Mill Street – suspicious motor vehicle
• Robert Street – larceny/past
• Rocky Knook Lane – motor vehicle complaint
• Cross Neck Road – motor vehicle accident/property damage
• Front Street – animal complaint
• Front Street – officer wanted
• Converse Road – vandalism/past
• Front Street – juvenile arrest (malicious destruction of property over $250); adult arrests: 3 (larceny over $250, malicious destruction of property)
• Mill Street – noise complaint
• Wareham Road – larceny/past
• Front Street – missing person
• Joanne Drive – trespassing
• Hiller Street – motor vehicle accident/property damage
• Delano Road – suspicious activity
• Dexter Road – animal complaint
• Olde Knoll Road – vandalism/past
• Tabor Academy – annoying phone calls
• Wareham Road – larceny/past
• Tabor Academy – annoying phone calls
• Front Street – suspicious motor vehicle
• Front Street – officer wanted
• Holly Pond Road – animal complaint
• Wareham Road – larceny/past
• Bradford Lane – animal complaint
• Front Street – motor vehicle accident/property damage
• Holmes Street – motor vehicle complaint
• Wareham Road – animal complaint
• Cove's End Road – adult arrest (unlicensed operation of motor vehicle, operating uninsured motor vehicle)
• Lewis Street – larceny/past
• Front Street – suspicious activity
• Wareham Road – motor vehicle accident/property damage
• Front Street – larceny/past
• Main Street – parking violation
• Spring Street – disorderly person
• Front Street – missing person
• Ichabod Lane – animal complaint
• Front Street – vandalism/past
• Converse Road – suspicious persons
• Front Street – suspicious activity
• Spring Street – animal complaint
• Converse Road – suspicious persons
• Mill Street – adult arrests: 2 (unlicensed operation of motor vehicle, defective equipment, failure to keep right, default warrant: larceny over $250)
• Spring Street – animal complaint
• Converse Road – officer wanted
• Allen's Point Road – burglar alarm.

■ MATTAPOISETT

The following log excerpts are for the week of September 17 through September 23, 2000:

• North Street – disturbance
• Acushnet Road – suspicious activity/person
• Acushnet Road – suspicious activity
• Reservation Road – suspicious vehicle
• Fairhaven Road – adult arrest (warrant)
• Marion Road – simple threats
• Marion Road – harassment
• Barlow Lane – sick bird
• Wolf Island Road – stray beagle in area
• Route 195 West – motor vehicle accident
• Marion Road – simple threats
• County Road – larceny/past
• Main Street – debris in roadway
• Industrial Drive – domestic disturbance
• County Road – motor vehicle complaint
• Hammond Street – motor vehicle accident
• Hawthorne Street – lizard in yard
• River Road – runaway child
• County Road – returned property (license to carry)
• Mattapoisett Neck Road – suspicious persons
• Seamarsh Way – suspicious activity
• Marion Road – trespassing
• Ocean Drive – possible drunk kids, disturbing the peace
• Ocean Drive – adult male arrest
• Brookside Drive – dead bird in bird feeder
• West Hill Road – annoying/harassing phone calls
• Acushnet Road – violation of protective order
• Acushnet Road – loose dog
• Marina Drive – domestic abuse
• Long Plain Road – possible rabid otter
• Marion Road – possible drunk driver/adult arrest (operating under the influence)
• Industrial Drive – suspicious motor vehicle
• Industrial Drive – adult arrest (warrant)
• Marion Road – larceny of backpack
• Brandt Island Road – snake in bathroom
• Crestfield Street – arson offense/flare thrown in yard
• Perry Avenue – loose dog/possible assault
• Sparrow Hill Road – suspicious persons
• North Street – car hit deer.

■ ROCHESTER

The following log excerpts are for the week of September 18 through September 25, 2000:

• Route 105 – erratic operation
• Route 105 – suspicious motor vehicle
• New Bedford Road – suspicious person
• Walnut Plain Road – suspicious motor vehicle
• Vaughan Hill Road – highway matter
• North Avenue – road hazard
• Featherbed Lane – animal control matter
• Snipatuit Road – road hazard
• Mary's Pond Road – adult arrest (warrant)
• First Congregational Church – suspicious activity
• Alley Road – road hazard
• Snipatuit Road – gunshots reported
• Tilson Road – noise complaint
• Vaughan Hill Road – suspicious motor vehicle
• Snipatuit Road – gunshots reported
• Hiller Road – dispute
• Walnut Plain Road – animal complaint.

7:00 to 9:00 am on the day of the sale.

There are no reserves on any of the lots and no buyers' premium is charged. Previous sales have attracted bidders from throughout the northeast and on two occasions in the past, a bidder has attended from Texas. Don't miss this important sale! For more information, please call 758-3579.

Taber Library - Marion

Open Hearing

The Elizabeth Taber Library in Marion is having problems similar to adjacent towns coping with population growth and the desire for increased services and programs. The library board will hold an Open Hearing at the Marion Town House on Spring Street at 7:00 pm on Friday, September 29 to get community input on developing a long-range plan.

Major concerns appear to be: the need for a separate quiet area for reading; a larger room to handle the surge in attendance and added materials for the children's programs; and more computers and related work space. The board will present some possible solutions but would greatly appreciate thoughts on the role of the library in the town's future, measures to correct problem areas, and field any questions.

Children's Programs

The Autumn Storytime for children between the ages of three and five begins the first week of October in

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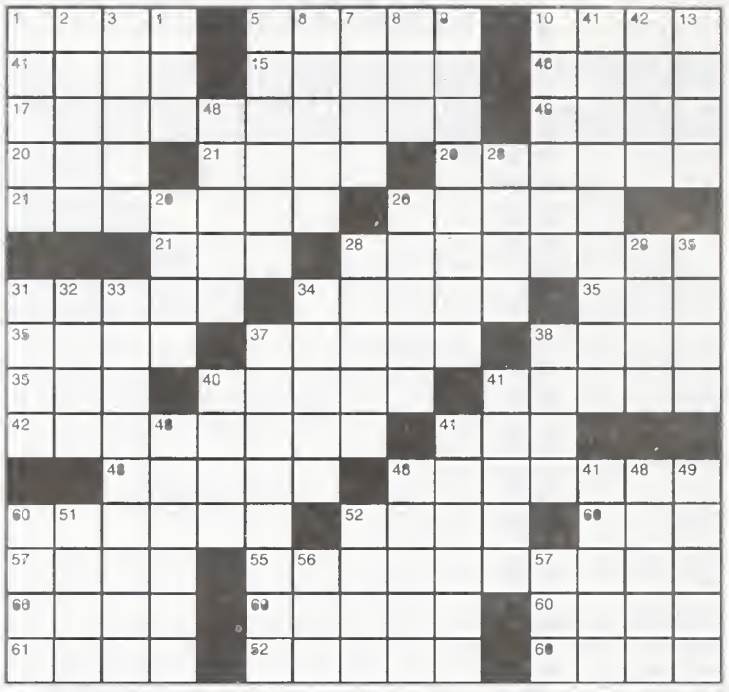

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ACROSS
1 Beatnik abodes
5 Coffee enhancement
10 Mimic
14 Wallach and Whitney
15 Cuban dance
16 Author of "Nana"
17 Work out at the gym
19 On vacation
20 Mass. cape
21 Pitcher
22 Greek goddess of the moon
24 Adds yeast
26 Distance runner
27 Wynn and Koch
28 Teetered
31 Parakeet enclosures
34 Blaspheme
35 Curb-side quaff
36 Olfactory stimulant
37 For rent, in London
38 Gymnast Korbut
39 Hoolihan's rank abbr.
40 Parents
41 Already claimed
42 NYC street
44 Dampen
45 Broad smiles
46 Drive-in servers
50 Rationalities
52 Rocky crags
53 Finger sign
54 Kingsley, the writer
55 Work out in the yard
58 Over with
59 Muse of lyric poetry
60 Bread spread
61 Tired feet
62 Twangy
63 Belgian river

DOWN
1 Piano control
2 "Home __"
3 Ross or Rigg
4 Compass pt.
5 Regal headgear
6 Midway marks
7 Abu Dhabi honcho
8 2 on the phone
9 Most substantial
10 Decorative bush
11 Work out on the road
12 Flair
13 Martha, the comic
18 Oboist's purchase
23 What __ can I say?
25 Swerve
26 Paris moms
28 Sullenly aloof
29 Advantage
30 College bigwig
31 Hair splitter
32 Jewish month
33 Work out on the track
34 Soft drinks
37 Villagers
38 Solemn vow
40 Bank letters
41 To the point
43 Gets up
44 Pop Art master
46 Terra __
47 Roundish shapes
48 Tyrant flycatcher
49 Spanish man
50 Alan or Diane
51 Melville's "Typee" sequel
52 "__ brillig . . ."
56 Mouths
57 Actress Myrna

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This Week's Horoscope

by Linda Black

Aries (March 21-April 19). Don't let an attractive nuisance distract you from chores. You'll have to move quickly, but take the time to be accurate.

Taurus (April 20-May 20). You might get lucky, in games of chance and romance. Work's also involved, however. A flurry of activity's likely, and it doesn't let up. Watch what you say.

Gemini (May 21-June 21). You may hear seven no's before you get a yes. Don't give up. You may have had trouble making up your mind in the past, but that won't be a problem.

Cancer (June 22-July 22). Offer assistance to a neighbor in need. Having folks over to your house works well. Use your creativity to get what you want.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22). Money burns a hole in your pocket. Don't break your piggy bank just to impress friends. Heed a close friend or sibling's advice.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Your dream job could open up. Go for it, even if you don't think you'll get it. You could be wrong about that. Money flows your way.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). If you want fewer difficulties, wait to launch your expedition, mail your letter or begin your new endeavor. Don't talk much about money or love.

Scorpio (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Shop carefully and you could get the perfect thing for your home. Somebody else has to let it go at a loss. Work with friends to get the most done in the least time.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Friends help you relax and achieve your goals. Somebody will ask for their payoff. Worries could mess with your reverie.

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). You're overworked. Dash out for something you need, but hurry back to fix two new snafu's.

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). An argument with a loved one about money could complicate things, but your great idea saves the day.

Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20). A friend is having a tough time. A little extra attention from you is much appreciated. It may be no more than encouragement, but keep it up.

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Tales for Twos, a seven-week series of storytimes for children between the ages of 2 and 3 years, 3 months will begin October 4 at the Elizabeth Taber Library in Marion. The half-hour of stories, fingerplays and crafts will take place on Wednesday mornings at 10:15 am. Children must be two years old by September 30 to attend and must be accompanied by an enthusiastic adult

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LEGAL NOTICES

TOWN OF ROCHESTER
BOARD OF APPEALS

#757 The Rochester Board of Appeals will conduct a public hearing on the petition of Franklin E. & Nancy L. Wright, 280 North Avenue, who are seeking a special permit under Section VII.D.9.a. to allow conversion of a single family dwelling to a two family dwelling in the agricultural/residential district. The public hearing will be conducted on October 12, 2000, 7:30pm in the Conference Room of the Rochester Town Hall.
Ellen E. Endres, Chairman 9/21, 9/28

TOWN OF ROCHESTER
BOARD OF APPEALS

#758 The Rochester Board of Appeals will conduct a public hearing on the petition of the Town of Rochester for a special permit for a sign larger than the allowed nine (9) square feet in the agricultural/residential district under Section VIII.C.5.d. in an agricultural/residential district. The sign, denoting the site of the Police/Communication Building, is located on Dexter Lane, Assessors plan 6 lot 13. The public hearing will be conducted on October 12, 2000, 8:00pm in the Conference Room of the Rochester Town Hall.
Ellen E. Endres, Chairman 9/21, 9/28

TOWN OF MATTAPOISETT
CONSERVATION COMMISSION
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Mattapoisett Conservation Commission will hold a public hearing on Monday, October 9, 2000 at 7:45pm in the Mattapoisett Town Hall on the Request for a Determination of Applicability submitted by Barbara Coburn Burr. The Applicant proposes to elevate and relocate the existing detached garage onto a new foundation, to either elevate the existing dwelling onto a new foundation or raze the building and reconstruct it in its same location, and to upgrade an existing cesspool with a Title 5 sewage disposal system. The entire parcel is sited within Zone X. The project is located at 17 Avenue "B", Map 2A, Lot 111. 09/28

TOWN OF MATTAPOISETT
WATER AND SEWER DEPARTMENT
PUBLIC NOTICE

The Town of Mattapoisett Water & Sewer Department will take sealed bids for a 1987 Ford F-150 2 wheel drive pick-up truck.

This vehicle has 202,203 miles on it and can bee seen outside at the Highway department on Mendell Road, Mattapoisett.

This vehicle s for sale for parts or rehabilitation.

Sealed bids in an envelope clearly marked Bid for 1987 F-150 should be dropped off at the Mattapoisett Selectmen's ffice, 16 Main Street, Mattapoisett. Bids will be opened on October 17, 2000 at 3:00pm in the Selectmen's Office. The town reserves the right to reject any and all bids and reserves the right to accept a bid, which is most beneficial to the town. 09/28

LEGAL NOTICES

TOWN OF ROCHESTER

The Rochester Board of Selctmen will conduct a public hearing on Monday, October 2, 2000 at 7:05pm on the petition of Verizon New England, Inc. who is seeking permission to lay and maintain underground conduits and manholes, with the wires and cable placed there, under the surface of Hartley Road.
Naida L. Parker, Chairman
Rochester Board of Selectmen 9/21, 9/28

TOWN OF ROCHESTER
PLANNING BOARD
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Notice is hereby given that the Rochester Planning Board will conduct a public hearing on Thursday, October 19, 2000 at 7:30pm in the Rochester Town Hall Conference Room regarding the proposed Interim Development Control Bylaw.

A copy of the above is on file at the Rochester Town Hall and may be reviewed Monday through Friday between the hours of 8:30am and 4:30pm.
Robert Cummings, Chairman 9/28, 10/5

TOWN OF MATTAPOISETT
BOARD OF ASSESSORS

The Mattapoisett Board of Assessors will conduct a public hearing on October 2, 2000 at 7:00pm in the Conference Room at Town Hall, for the purpose of allocating the local property tax levy among the five property classes for fiscal year 2001.

Interested taxpayers may present oral or written comments on their views at that time.
Board of Assessors
Michael L. O'Brien, Chairman
William O. Hall
Robert Fay 09/28

TOWN OF MATTAPOISETT
CONSERVATION COMMISSION
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Mattapoisett Conservation Commission will hold a public hearing on Monday, October 9, 2000 at 7:45pm in the Mattapoisett Town Hall on the Request for a Determination of Applicability submitted by E.W. Coburn. The Applicant proposes to elevate and relocate the existing guest house-garage for the purpose of upgrading two existing cesspools with one Title 5 sewage disposal system. The entire parcel is sited within Zone X. The project is located at 18 Avenue "A", Map 2A, Lot 113.09/28

TOWN OF ROCHESTER
BOARD OF APPEALS

#759 The Rochester Board of Appeals will conduct a public hearing on the petition of New England Structural Steel, Floyd Andrews President, Dale Briggs owner, who is seeking a special permit under section IV.D.1. of Rochester Bylaws for a use not allowed in the industrial district. Property is located at 221 Cranberry Highway, Assessors plan 18 lot 9. The public hearing will be conducted on October 12, 2000 at 7:45pm in the Conference Room of the Rochester Town Hall.
Ellen E. Endres, Chairman 9/21, 9/28

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Fairhaven Shellfish Conference

The Town of Fairhaven Natural Resources Department will be holding a press conference with members of the New Bedford Harbor Trustee Council to demonstrate the continued success of the town's shellfish grow-out program. The event will take place on Thursday, September 28 at 10:00 am at Jack's Cove on Goulart Memorial Drive off Sconticut Neck Road in Fairhaven.

Harbor Trustee Council members expected to attend include Mike Bartlett of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Jon Rittgers of the National Oceanic Atmospheric Administration, Dale Young of the Massachusetts Executive Office of Environmental Affairs, and Jack Terrill of the New Bedford Harbor Trustee Council. The public is invited to attend.

As a part of a two-year Shellfish Restoration Grant provided by the New Bedford Harbor Trustee Council along with funds from the Town of Fairhaven, the shellfish "upweller" grow-out project involves a 12-by-12-foot structure housing six large tanks and dozens of shellfish grow-out silos. Raw sea water, providing the nutrients necessary for quahog growth, is being pumped

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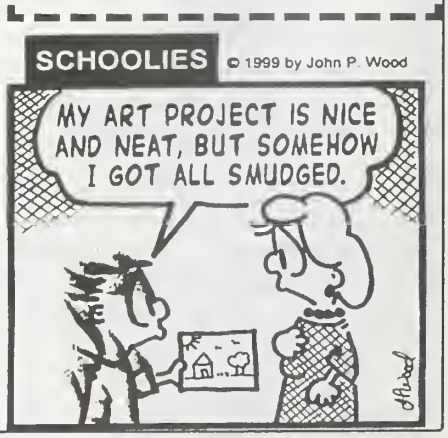

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Blessing of the Animals

The Church of the Good Shepherd in Fairhaven will offer the Blessing of the Animals during its 10:00 am Sunday service on October 1. Children and families are invited to bring their pets in containers or to tether them outside during the brief liturgy celebrating creation. The event is designed for community members and no regular church affiliation is required to participate.

The animals will be blessed as a group during the service, and customized pet blessings will be available afterwards. "Stuffed animals are welcome, too," added Reverend Beth Maynard, Rector at the Church of the Good Shepherd.

The North Fairhaven parish has blessed animals many times before. Last year's service featured special guest Robert Golder of the newly-opened Buttonwood Zoo. Many Episcopal churches scheduled this observance on the Sunday nearest the Feast of St. Francis of Assisi, who preached to the birds and composed a "canticle of the creatures." However, holding Blessing of the Aniamls as a main Sunday service is "something you don't get to

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Friends of the Elderly

The Annual Meeting of the Mattapoisett Friends of the Elderly was held on September 11 at which time President Ginny Lubker announced she would not be running for re-election. She has spent many years as head of the organization and now deserves a rest. Thanks to Ginny for a job well done! The Friends will miss her but are thankful she will remain on the board.

The new slate of officers is as follows: President Eileen Sargent; Vice President Bill Calise; Secretary Dorothy Lewis; and Treasurer Jo Pannell.

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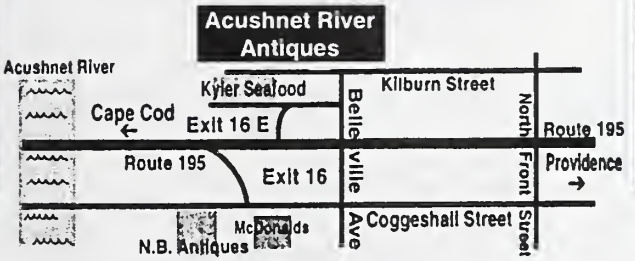

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Card players are wanted! Every Monday from 1:00 to 3:00 pm, the card tables will be set up and waiting. It makes no difference what you play, only that you do play.

If you like to do crafts, there will be a day for that, too. Presently, things are being made for Halloween and will be distributed to nursing homes in the area. They do simple things that anyone can do very easily, so if you're interested, the group meets on the second Tuesday of the month at 1:30 pm.

Line Dancing continues every Thursday morning, as do Games every Wednesday afternoon.

The recent Yard Sale was a huge success thanks to all who donated so generously and helped before, during, and after the sale. It could not have been done without you!

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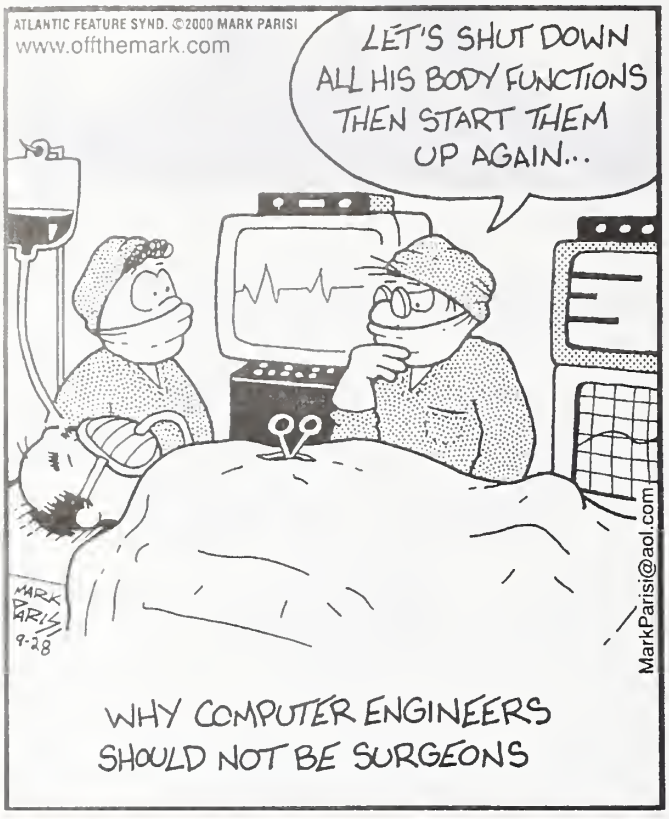

Local Tides

Date	Day	High a.m.	High p.m.	Low a.m.	Low p.m.
Sept 28:	Thurs.	8:49	9:12	2:25	2:53
Sept 29:	Fri.	9:34	9:56	3:03	3:35
Sept 30:	Sat.	10:19	10:41	3:40	4:15
Oct 1:	Sun.	11:05	11:26	4:15	4:53
Oct. 2:	Mon.	11:52	. . .	4:50	5:32
Oct. 3:	Tues.	12:14	12:41	5:26	6:14
Oct. 4:	Wed.	1:06	1:35	6:08	7:02
Oct. 5:	Thurs.	2:04	2:33	6:57	8:04
Oct. 6:	Fri.	3:05	3:32	7:59	9:29
Oct. 7:	Sat.	4:04	4:28	9:15	10:43
Oct. 8:	Sun.	4:58	5:19	10:32	11:26
Oct. 9:	Mon.	5:46	6:05	11:29	. . .
Oct. 10:	Tues.	6:31	6:50	12:01	12:14
Oct. 11:	Wed.	7:12	7:30	12:35	12:54
Oct. 12:	Thurs.	7:52	8:11	1:10	1:34
Oct. 13:	Fri.	8:32	8:52	1:45	2:14
Oct. 14:	Sat.	9:13	9:34	2:23	2:55
Oct. 15:	Sun.	9:56	10:18	3:02	3:38

Phases of the Moon		
	First Quarter	October 5th
	Full Moon	October 13th
	Last Quarter	October 20th
	New Moon	October 27th

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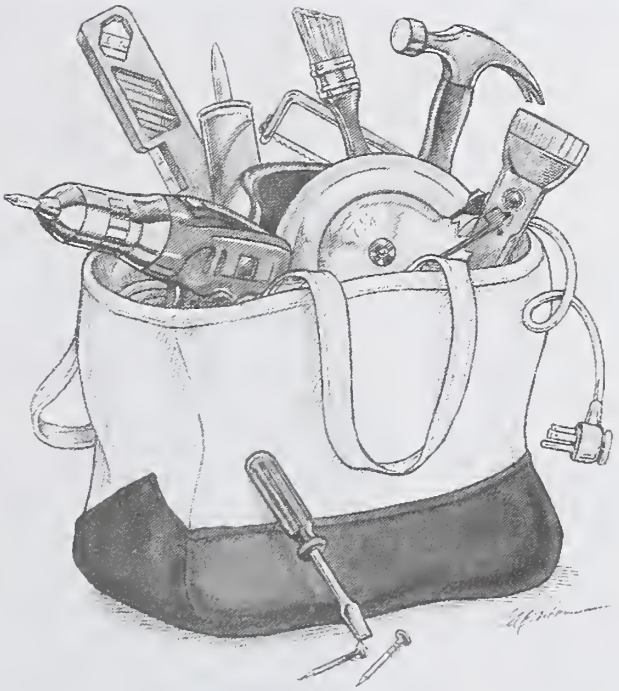

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